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Successful Student Characteristics

Grade Level	Fifth
Minimum Time Required	30-45 Minutes
Materials/Resources	"Traits for Student Success" worksheet, "Work Skills in Demand" worksheet
Subject Area(s)	Guidance

Project Description:

1. Divide the class into small groups and distribute the "Traits for Student Success" worksheet.
2. Request each group to select the three most important characteristics of a successful student and report back to the class. Discuss any differences in characteristics chosen by males and females.
3. As a group, rate the selected items in priority order (1,2,3).
4. Have the students share their choices and discuss reasons for their selection.
5. Discuss how the characteristics listed relate to in-school and out-of-school situations.

Career Development Standard	Skills to interact with others. Awareness of the importance of personal responsibility and good work habits.
Career Development Indicator	Demonstrate effective skills for interacting with others. Describe the importance of personal qualities (e.g., dependability, promptness) to getting and keeping a job.
Delivery Level	Introductory
Academic Standards	
Language Arts	4.2.b Identify the purpose of various oral presentations. 4.2.c Use appropriate conventions of language in personal communication.
Employability/SCANS Skills	Interpersonal Skills Basic Skills Thinking Skills Personal Qualities
Assessment/Rubric	Students will be evaluated on their student characteristics list and class discussion.

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Traits for Student Success

Rank	Characteristics
_____	Is a good listener
_____	Helps others
_____	Respects others
_____	Follows directions
_____	Completes work on time
_____	Has good, new ideas
_____	Speaks clearly
_____	Shares ideas
_____	Cooperates with others
_____	Is friendly
_____	Obeys rules
_____	Uses time wisely
_____	Is honest
_____	Works independently
_____	Is kind to others
_____	Contributes to the group
_____	Others:

WORK SKILLS IN DEMAND
DO YOU HAVE THEM? CHECK IT OUT!

	I'm good!	I need work!
Communication skills - I present information well when writing or speaking.		
Teamwork skill - I'm cooperative, appreciate other people's ideas, and know how to work to achieve the goals of the group. I'm friendly and think positive.		
Time management skills - I'm good at scheduling my work and setting goals. I get my papers and projects done on time.		
Problem-solving skills - I enjoy defining problems and figuring out solutions.		
Organizational skills - I'm an orderly person. I manage my school work and personal life and always plan ahead.		
Learning skills - I'm a curious person, and when I want to know something, I can figure out how to research the information.		
Computer skills - I can work on computers and use software programs like word processing.		
Listening skills - I follow directions well and understand what other people are saying.		
Decision-making skills - I can look at a situation, think of my choices, weigh the consequences and make a good decision.		

How did you do? Check out your "I need work" answers. Start now while you're in school and develop your skills.